

ATTORNEY DOCKET
068986.0109

41128103

PATENT APPLICATION
09/910,697

1623

#6/A
5-1-03
D. L. Lyles

1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

MAY 01 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2800

In re Application of: Mark B. Lyles

Serial No.: 09/910,697

Filing Date: July 20, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Owens Jr., Howard V.

Title: **MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR BINDING
NUCLEIC ACIDS TO SURFACES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

I hereby certify that this communication is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date shown below.

EV230873775US

Express Mail No

Shannon Judice

Shannon Judice

4/28/03

Date of Signature

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT**

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, which sets forth an election of species requirement. In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute SPECIES 1 (Claims 19-28). Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 1-18) at a later date.